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**Testimony in Support of
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

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As a *parent of a student at St. Mary School* Branford I suport S.B. No. 318.

My kids have been going to St. Mary School for the last three years and the school has been a n important part of our family helping them with their academic and moral upbringing.

It is very importance for our family to have continued access to Catholic Schools for our child ren, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures.

Allowing a reimbursement to towns who voluntarily provide inter-district transportation to elementary school students that live out of town will help ourschool. IT is crucial to keep our urb an schools open and accessible to students whose schools have closed in neighboring towns.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

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